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## Hampton Roads, Virginia Chapter

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### PRESIDENT- ELECT'S MESSAGE

I feel almost a fraud writing this column, as my tenure does not officially begin until July 1st. But this is one of the duties that falls to me as incoming president. This is the hardest article I have ever had to write, and I do so with many tears. **On June 11, 2001 we lost our beloved Chapter President, Dr. Wolfgang Pindur.** But he leaves behind a legacy that I doubt will ever be matched.

Dr. Pindur was my professor, my colleague, my mentor and my friend. His passing leaves an emptiness in my heart and in our chapter. But Hampton Roads is truly a better place for Wolfgang having lived and worked here. Unless you were at the awards luncheon two years ago, you probably do not know how much this man did. Dr. Pindur received the Julian Hirst Award for Distinguished services in 1999. This award was well deserved.

A member of ASPA since its origin in Hampton Roads, Wolfgang served as president of our chapter from 1976-1977 and again from 2000-2001. In between those years he served on our chapter council. He was a unique individual being both an academician and a practitioner. He served at Old Dominion University for over 26 years and was currently a Professor of the Old Dominion University Graduate Center for Urban Studies and Public Administration. He also taught classes and workshops for EVMS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the U.S. Navy and Air Force and several local governments. His research work includes over 50 grants, articles in professional journals, and over 25 years of presentations related to public administration at national and international meetings. His grant work has helped public administrators improve



the lives of thousands of citizens.

But most importantly he practiced in his personal life what he lived and taught in his professional life. As a member of the Hampton Roads ASPA council he spent his own time and money working with ASPA National to better our chapter. He had plans to go with me and our 2001-2002 president-elect, Leslie Beauregard, to ASPA National in the fall to express the concern of our chapter. He was actively involved as a volunteer in providing services. He was willing to speak to numerous organizations interested in service improvement. He also spent a substantial portion of his time as an unpaid volunteer working on programs to house and provide employment services for the disabled. He truly cared for people and believed that all persons should be able to enjoy a meaningful life.

Webster defines a mentor as "A wise and trusted teacher or counselor." Dr. Pindur was that and more. He truly reflected the highest principals of our public administration profession. He leaves big shoes to fill. He will be sorely missed!

Sincerely,

Joyce Heffington  
President-Elect

### HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

#### Chapter Officers

President-Elect: Joyce Heffington	460-7026
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### MEMBERS' CORNER

#### New Members

The Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA gives a heartfelt welcome to these new members!

**Peggy A. Bellmann**  
**Sheila D. Guy**  
**Dennis Herbert**

#### New Jobs/Awards

Congratulations to **Rayanne Fernandes** who has just accepted a position with HUD in Washington, D.C. working with their homeless program. We will miss her, but she promises to come back for a visit!

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**Joyce Heffington**, AICP has received her AICP Continuing Professional Development Program Certificate. This requires 60 hours of continuing professional development within a three-year period.

### Births

Congratulations to **Jo Anne Lillis** on the birth of Emily Margot, born May 1, 2001.

### Deaths

**Dr. Wolfgang Pindur** of the 1200 block of Southfield Place died June 11, 2001.

A native of Oldenburg, Germany, he was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Wolfgang Pindur, Ph.D., (Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.) was professor of Urban Studies and Public Administration at Old Dominion University and previously served as executive director of the Graduate Center for Urban Studies and Public Administration, as chair of his department and as Associate Dean. He was the founding director of Old Dominion's Ph.D. in Urban Services. He lectured at the master's and doctoral level on management, evaluation, and outcome measurement in China, Japan, France, Spain, Germany, Hungary and throughout the United States.

Dr. Pindur authored over 100 technical reports, articles and books. He received over 60 grants agencies. He served as national field manager for the Serious Habitual Offender/Drug Involved Program (SHODI). He conducted outcome evaluations and performance measurement training for numerous cities, professional organizations, the National March of Dimes, several health and police departments, various school systems, the United States Navy and the United States Air Force.

Dr. Pindur received numerous awards for his research and teaching. In May of 2001 he was recognized by Wayne State University as the Most Outstanding 20th Century Graduate of its Doctoral Program in Public Administration. His former students serve at all levels of public life,

including mayors, city managers, police chiefs, and other public servants locally and throughout the country.

His service to the community included facilitating a 100-member multi-year strategic planning exercise of the City of Virginia Beach and serving as president of the Board of Directors of Community Alternatives Inc. Dr. Pindur was also the president of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. He was the recipient of the Julian Hirsch Award from the American Society for Public Administration, a member of their national Hall of Fame and was recognized by the Governor of Virginia for outstanding public service.

Wolfgang's family and his many friends, colleagues and students will sorely miss him. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lee Pindur; a daughter, Renee Beth Pindur of Springfield, Va.; son, Jason C. Pindur of Abilene, Texas; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Willis of Colonial Heights, Va.; and a sister, Heidi Gibson of Colonial Heights.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home's Lynnhaven Chapel. The funeral will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to either Community Alternatives Inc., 3133 Magic Hollow Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or to the American Diabetes Association at the following address, Always and Forever Memorial and Honor Program, Attn: ADA Web, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

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Long time ASPA member **Marjorie Funk** passed away on May 28th at the age of 70. She was a very active member of ASPA for over 20 years. As newsletter editor, the chapter won several Newsletter Awards under her tenure. A mass was held on Thursday, May 31st. For more information about Marjorie, please visit her

website at [www.geocities.com/margelfunk](http://www.geocities.com/margelfunk).

### **Retirements**

Longtime public administrator, **Claire R. Askew**, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Chesapeake, Virginia will retire in July 2001 after twenty-five years of distinguished public service. During her tenure, Ms. Askew set outstanding examples in the areas of leadership, progressive positioning of the importance of leisure and recreation in our quality of life, and her professional dedication.

She directs a staff of eighty-three full-time and 141 part-time and seasonal employees. During her term as director, Mrs. Askew was instrumental in securing new recreational facilities for all Chesapeake's citizenry but was especially effective in providing new leisure opportunities for youth and the growing senior population—especially in fiscally challenged low income neighborhoods. In a city threatened by urban sprawl, Mrs. Askew's greatest contribution perhaps, was the preservation of parkland and open space for the use and enjoyment of this generation and for generations to follow.

### **EVENTS CALENDAR 2001-2002**

During the summer months, the Chapter will begin planning the events calendar for 2001-2002. If members have any ideas for future programs or luncheon speakers, please let us know by contacting either Joyce Heffington or Leslie Beauregard. We love to hear from the membership!

### **ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The **GEORGE ROBERT HOUSE, JR. AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE** was awarded to

**Columbus Grant, III, Director of Public Works for the City of Elizabeth City, NC**, as a Hampton Roads Public Administrator who is less than 35 years old. The award is named after George Robert House, Jr. who served as City Manager of Bedford, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk and Portsmouth in addition to two managerial posts in North Carolina.

The **JULIAN F. HIRST AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE** was awarded to **David C. Sullivan, Chief Information Officer for the City of Virginia Beach**, as a Hampton Roads Public Administrator who is more than 35 years old. The award is named after Julian F. Hirst who served as City Manager of Norfolk from 1975 until retirement in 1985.

The awards were presented at the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration's Annual Awards Luncheon Program held on May 17, 2001 at the Christopher Newport University, Student Center, Christopher Room, Newport News, Virginia from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Both Grant and Sullivan were selected Public Administrators of the Year by the Awards Committee based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Record of outstanding performance in public service,
- ❖ Unusual leadership, creativity, integrity, and response to challenge,
- ❖ Dedication to democratic ideals, and
- ❖ Sensitivity to the need to adapt government to changing problems.

The guest speaker was The Honorable Delegate Jerrauld Jones who has served the Virginia General Assembly from the 89th District in Hampton Roads since 1988. His speech addressed the Annual Awards Luncheon Program theme, "Mentorship and Leadership." Delegate Jones indicated "that most adults and professionals can identify a person who, at some time in their life, has a significant and positive impact on their life." Delegate Jones stated that he was still struck by a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King that he had read in college that only

reaffirmed his plans for the future. Dr. King's quote said:

"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is...What are you doing for others?"

Delegate Jones response to this question indicated that we should be a mentor to some boy, girl, friend, coworker, or person upon whom we can have a positive influence. Delegate Jones said, "You look around to see who needs your helping hand. You help others, not because you SHOULD, but because as a decent, caring and loving member of mankind-you MUST."

The Chapter also presented certificates to Outstanding Graduate Students in Public Administration attending Old Dominion University and members of the Pi Alpha Alpha national honor society. The following recipients were presented certificates by Dr. William Leavitt and the late Dr. Wolfgang Pindur: Denise Bush, Rayanne Fernandes, William Fuller, Kavon Hakimzadotl, Meredith Kellam, Meredith Kellam, David Palmer, Teresa Vannostrand, M. Elizabeth Vogel, Mark Woodward and Edward Burgh.

This year's Award Committee members were Sylvia Hill-Chair, the late Dr. Wolfgang Pindur,

Earl Fraley, Jerry Hoddingnot, and Terry Moore.

### REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The ASPA newsletter staff is always looking for contributions from our members. Our goal is to provide timely and informative information of benefit to public administration practitioners, academicians and students. In each issue, we focus on the general topic to be discussed in the next luncheon forum. Please look at the schedule below and, if possible, prepare an article or submit an idea for the next newsletter. Please submit articles or ideas to Leslie Beauregard, Webpage/E-Newsletter Editor, at [lbeaureg@city.hampton.va.us](mailto:lbeaureg@city.hampton.va.us); fax: 728-3500.

#### Article Due Dates for Future E-Newsletters

August 2001	Articles due: July 20th
October 2001	Articles due: September 14th
December 2001	Articles due: November 16th